



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 1075***

*January Session, 2003*

***AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES TO SPONSOR MAGNET  
SCHOOLS AND TO MOVE A BRANCH CAMPUS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-264h of the general statutes is  
2       repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3       *passage*):

4       (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, until the fiscal year  
5       ending June 30, 2003, a local or regional board of education, regional  
6       educational service center, the Board of Trustees of the Community-  
7       Technical Colleges on behalf of one or more regional community-  
8       technical colleges, or a cooperative arrangement pursuant to section  
9       10-158a for purposes of an interdistrict magnet school may be eligible  
10      for reimbursement up to the full reasonable cost of any capital  
11      expenditure for the purchase, construction, extension, replacement,  
12      leasing or major alteration of interdistrict magnet school facilities,  
13      including any expenditure for the purchase of equipment, in  
14      accordance with this section. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004,  
15      and each fiscal year thereafter, such entities may be eligible for  
16      reimbursement up to ninety-five per cent of such cost. To be eligible  
17      for reimbursement under this section a magnet school construction  
18      project shall meet the requirements for a school building project  
19      established in chapter 173, except that the Commissioner of Education  
20      may waive any requirement in such chapter for good cause. On and

21 after July 1, 1997, the commissioner shall approve only applications for  
22 reimbursement under this section that he finds will reduce racial,  
23 ethnic and economic isolation.

24 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-264i of the general statutes is  
25 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
26 *passage*):

27 (a) A local or regional board of education, regional educational  
28 service center, the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical  
29 Colleges on behalf of one or more regional community-technical  
30 colleges, or cooperative arrangement pursuant to section 10-158a  
31 which transports a child to an interdistrict magnet school program, as  
32 defined in section 10-264l, as amended by this act, in a town other than  
33 the town in which the child resides shall be eligible pursuant to section  
34 10-264e to receive a grant for the cost of transporting such child in  
35 accordance with this section. The amount of such grant shall not  
36 exceed an amount equal to the number of such children transported  
37 multiplied by one thousand two hundred dollars. The Department of  
38 Education shall provide such grants within available appropriations.  
39 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent a local or  
40 regional board of education, regional educational service center or  
41 cooperative arrangement from receiving reimbursement under section  
42 10-266m for reasonable transportation expenses for which such board,  
43 service center or cooperative arrangement is not reimbursed pursuant  
44 to this section.

45 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 10-264l of the general statutes is  
46 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
47 *passage*):

48 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available  
49 appropriations, establish a grant program to assist local and regional  
50 boards of education, regional educational service centers, the Board of  
51 Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of one or  
52 more regional community-technical colleges, and cooperative

53 arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a with the operation of  
54 interdistrict magnet school programs. If the Board of Trustees of the  
55 Community-Technical Colleges sponsors an interdistrict magnet  
56 school, such sponsorship shall be subject to the provisions of this  
57 chapter and any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education  
58 governing local or regional boards of education. For the purposes of  
59 this section "an interdistrict magnet school program" means a program  
60 which (1) supports racial, ethnic and economic diversity, (2) offers a  
61 special and high quality curriculum, and (3) requires students who are  
62 enrolled to attend at least half-time. An interdistrict magnet school  
63 program does not include a regional vocational agriculture school, a  
64 regional vocational-technical school or a regional special education  
65 center. On and after July 1, 2000, the governing authority for each  
66 interdistrict magnet school program that is in operation prior to July 1,  
67 2005, shall restrict the number of students that may enroll in the  
68 program from a participating district to eighty per cent of the total  
69 enrollment of the program. The governing authority for each  
70 interdistrict magnet school program that begins operations on or after  
71 July 1, 2005, shall (A) restrict the number of students that may enroll in  
72 the program from a participating district to seventy-five per cent of the  
73 total enrollment of the program, and (B) maintain such a school  
74 enrollment that at least twenty-five per cent but not more than  
75 seventy-five per cent of the students enrolled are pupils of racial  
76 minorities, as defined in section 10-226a.

77 Sec. 4. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-283 of the  
78 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
79 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

80 (a) (1) Each town or regional school district shall be eligible to apply  
81 for and accept grants for a school building project as provided in this  
82 chapter. Any town desiring a grant for a public school building project  
83 may, by vote of its legislative body, authorize the board of education of  
84 such town to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or  
85 reject such grant for the town. Any regional school board may vote to  
86 authorize the supervising agent of the regional school district to apply

87 to the Commissioner of Education for and to accept or reject such grant  
 88 for the district. Applications for such grants under this chapter shall be  
 89 made by the superintendent of schools of such town or regional school  
 90 district on the form provided and in the manner prescribed by the  
 91 Commissioner of Education. The application form shall require the  
 92 superintendent of schools to affirm that the school district considered  
 93 the maximization of natural light in projects for new construction and  
 94 alteration or renovation of a school building. Grant applications for  
 95 school building projects shall be reviewed by the Commissioner of  
 96 Education on the basis of categories for building projects and  
 97 standards for school construction established by the State Board of  
 98 Education in accordance with this section, provided grant applications  
 99 submitted for purposes of subsection (a) of section 10-65 or section 10-  
 100 76e shall be reviewed annually by the commissioner on the basis of the  
 101 educational needs of the applicant. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
 102 this chapter, the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical  
 103 Colleges may apply for school construction reimbursement grants  
 104 pursuant to section 10-264h, as amended by this act.

105 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Board of Trustees of the  
 106 Community-Technical Colleges may relocate the Meriden branch of  
 107 Middlesex Community-Technical College to a building in downtown  
 108 Meriden held under lease by the state.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>

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